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216 SCHOOLS REACHED WITH GOSPEL IN 2014

Dear Friends,

216 schools have been reached with a clear and compelling gospel presentation so far this year and in most of those schools we have arranged follow up with the students through establishing Scripture Union Classes (after- school discipleship activities). Why does EPI spend time doing school ministry? Several reasons as follows:

- 1) Children are very open to the gospel. (how many of you were saved as a child?).
- 2) The schools in Zambia and Mozambique are very open to us coming in and sharing the gospel and GIVING AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST.
- 3) Most schools are open to us doing follow up discipleship.
- 4) Children often will share their new found faith with their unsaved parents and put pressure on the parents to attend church.

Please read the following testimony sent to us by Pastor Iwell Phiri: *This testimony comes from Head teacher Mr. Charles Soko at Chataika Primary School. Thanks to Pastor Phiri and Charles Lungu for bringing the gospel to our school and for starting a Scripture Union class. No one has come to this school for 31 years to share the true gospel with our school children and our teachers. It is a big problem for us teachers to have children leaving school at ages 10-12 years of age to start early marriages. Many of our children stop coming to school at grade 3-5 and very few are writing the grade 7 exam and fewer still are writing the grade 9 exam. We are grateful for Pastor Phiri encouraging our students to stay in school and finish their grade level exams. When Pastor Phiri came in October, we had five grade 9 students who had been in my office proceeding to drop out of school. After preaching the gospel Pastor Phiri and Charles Lungu intervened in the lives of these five students and cast out demons and these students have returned to school and will soon write their grade 9 exam. These five students and many other of our students have joined Ninive and Golgotha Baptist Church and are receiving more prayers and counseling. Everyone is happy with this outcome!*

2014 Projects

- January - Zambia*
- January- Malawi*
- March - Zambia*
- April - Zambia *
- May - Zambia**
- June—Zambia*
- July—Zambia*
- August—Zambia*
Mozambique*
- September- Zambia*
- October—Zambia*
- November-Tanzania

Nov. Project 2014

- Audience 19,404
- Decisions 13,698
- Jesus Film 2
- School meetings 26
- Churches Planted 2

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Groundbreaking Planned for Spring 2015

After finishing our two week project in Livingston Zambia in June and sending our seven member team back to the U.S., Sharon and I began our long journey via local bus transportation out to the Eastern Region of Zambia. Fortunately we were traveling with the coordinator of ministry in Zambia/Mozambique, Iwell Phiri. However that did not make the bus seats wider or more comfortable and it had no bearing on the pot hole filled roads or the lack of most of the amenities that we are accustomed to here in our country. However, our hearts were full of God's amazing grace and glory as we reflected upon all that God had done in Livingstone Zambia during the first part of our project! We looked with great anticipation as we pondered the greatness of our God and wondered at the plans for the remaining weeks of our June 2014 Project. Our main objective for these final weeks was to meet with as many of our newly planted churches as possible to bring encouragement and training. After meeting for training at Golgotha Baptist Church and Ninive Baptist Church with many of our churches, we traveled to Mpando for our final training session. This training session was different from previous training days in that we met outdoors, under the trees that dotted this beautiful piece of land. While setting up for the training session, Iwell made the most startling comment. He said, "This is the land that the Mambo has donated to EPI for our training center." We were completely blown away...to say the least. Somehow, Iwell had neglected to mention this small detail. We had been praying for God to provide land for a training center and He had already provided it. The land is beautiful and perfectly situated in the middle of the Eastern Region. **Plans are being made for groundbreaking to begin in the Spring of 2015.** The training center will be used in the following ways:

1. Provide ongoing training for deacon/pastors.
2. Provide ongoing training for new believers.
3. Provide a retreat center for local churches.
4. Provide a venue for regional training events.
5. Provide a possible venue for the Baptist Seminary in Lusaka to do extension training for our pastors.
6. Provide a location to plant another church in the Eastern Region.

GIVEN: \$7000

STILL NEEDED: \$13,000



Prayer Nudges:

1. Pray for Iwell and his team: The Spirit of the Lord will rest on them, Spirit of Wisdom and understanding: Spirit of Counsel and might; the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)
2. Pray for the Deacon/Pastors that they, study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen who need not be ashamed, because they rightly divided the word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. Pray for the new believers that the eyes of their understanding will be enlightened that they may know the hope to which they have been called, the riches of His glorious inheritance and His great power for those who believe. (Ephesians 1:22-23)
4. Pray for safe delivery of the bus as it has been purchased and shipped. (More about this later)
5. Pray for God's timing, finances, and that all will fall into place as we move forward with the construction of the training center. (Sharon and I plan to spend most of May and June helping with construction.)